

Application No. 10/765,371
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REMARKS

The Examiner has requested an election of a single invention from the following patentably distinct inventions as alleged by the Examiner:

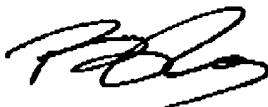
- Group I - (Claims 1-10): drawn to form, classified in class 249, subclass 192.
Group II - (Claims 11-22): drawn to form systems, classified in class 249, subclass 34.
Group III - (Claims 23-31): drawn to a method of making a footing, classified in class 52, subclass 745.09.

The Examiner has also indicated that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species of claimed invention. Particularly, the Examiner has indicated that if the Applicants elect the invention of Group I, then the Applicants must further elect a single species from between Figure 2 and Figure 3A.

Applicants hereby elect Group II, with associated claims 11-22. Applicant has canceled claims 1-10 and 23-31, while adding new claims 32-46 that are drawn to the elected Group II. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 11-22 and 32-46 are pending for consideration and respectfully requests an action on the merits of all the pending claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof. In the event that the Examiner wishes to discuss any of the matters contemplated hereby, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conversation with the undersigned.

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